

## **Jo Robinson**

Jo Robinson has worked for 32 years in the public school systems in two states. Twenty-nine of those years were in elementary schools, first as a teacher and then as a principal in three different schools. Under Jo's direction her last elementary school won a Chase Manhattan/Fordham University School Change Award in 2000 for dramatic increases in reading achievement.

She has taught adjunct graduate courses for four universities, and was the director of both the Reading Excellence Act and Reading First for the state of Washington Department of Education. She has worked with the US Department of Education and nine states to help them implement Reading First. (AL, AZ, ID, IN, NE, NM, OR, WA, LA).